

American Embassy, Islamabad
January 06, 2014

To: Prospective Offerors

SUBJECT: Solicitation Number **SPK330-14-Q-5711** - Request for Quotation (RFQ) to provide legal consultancy services (non-litigation) to U.S. Mission, Pakistan.

If you would like to submit a quotation, follow the instructions in Section L of the solicitation, complete the required portions of the attached document, and submit it to the address shown on the Standard Form 33 that follows this letter.

The U.S Government intends to award a contract to the responsible company submitting an acceptable offer at the lowest price. We intend to award a contract based on initial proposals, without holding discussions, although we may hold discussions with companies in the competitive range if there is a need to do so.

Your quotation must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Quotation Enclosed for SPK33014Q5711" to GSO Procurement, American Embassy, Ramna-5, Islamabad on or **before 1500 hrs on February 04, 2014 through courier service**. No Quotations will be accepted after this time.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Pitts
Contracting Officer

SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD				1. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 350)		RATING		PAGE OF PAGES 1 31		
2. CONTRACT (Proc. Inst. Ident.) NO.			3. SOLICITATION NO. SPK330-14-Q-5711		4. TYPE OF SOLICITATION [] SEALED BID (IFB) [x] NEGOTIATED (RFP)		5. DATE ISSUED January 06, 2014		6. REQUISITION/PURCHASE NO. 2956742	
7. ISSUED BY Contracting Officer American Embassy Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna-5, Islamabad, Pakistan Phone: 051-2082288 Fax: 051-2623541				CODE		8. ADDRESS OFFER TO (If other than item 7)				
NOTE: In sealed bid solicitation "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".										
SOLICITATION										
9. Sealed offers in original and <u>2</u> copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified, in the depository located in until January 15, 2014 local time 15:00 hrs (hour) (date)										
CAUTION - LATE Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See Section L. Provision No. 52.215-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation.										
10. FOR INFORMATION CALL:		A. NAME			B. TELEPHONE (NO COLLECT CALLS) AREA CODE NUMBER EXT			C. E-MAIL ADDRESS RizviAA@state.gov		
11. TABLE OF CONTENTS										
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OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)										
NOTE: ITEM 12 does not apply if the solicitation includes the provisions at 52.214-16, Minimum Bid Acceptance Period.										
12. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within _____ calendar days (120 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the offer) from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the schedule.										
13. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT SEE 14 (See section I, Clause No 52.232-8)				10 CALENDAR DAYS %	20 CALENDAR DAYS %	30 CALENDAR DAYS %	CALENDAR DAYS %			
14. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS (The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the solicitation and related documents) numbered and dated:				AMENDMENT NO.		DATE		AMENDMENT NO.		DATE
15A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR		CODE		FACILITY		16. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)				
15B. TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code)			15C. CHECK IF REMITTANCE ADDRESS [] IS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - ENTER SUCH ADDRESS			17. SIGNATURE			18. OFFER DATE	
AWARD (To be completed by Government)										
19. ACCEPTED AS TO ITEM NUMBERED			20. AMOUNT		21. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION					
22. AUTHORITY FOR USING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION: [] 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)() [] 41 U.S.C. 253(c)()					23. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified)				ITEM 25	
24. ADMINISTRATION BY (If other than Item 7) CODE							25. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE Financial Management Officer (FMO) U.S. Embassy, Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna-5, Islamabad			
26. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)					27. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)				28. AWARD DATE	

IMPORTANT - Award will be made on this form, or on the Standard Form 26, or by other authorized official written notice.

SECTION B – PRICES

B.1 CONTRACT TYPE

The Contractor shall perform all work required in Section B and C relating to legal consultancy/attorney (non-litigation) services for Local Labor Laws and Human Resource Management required by American Embassy, Islamabad on an as needed and when required basis. This is a fixed price contract. The monthly rates stated in this order shall include all direct and indirect costs, insurance, overhead, general and administrative expense, and profit.

B.2 LEVEL OF EFFORT

The contractor shall provide the services for the base period with two one-year options to renew the contract at the rates stated below.

B.2.1 BASE PERIOD:

The Contractor shall provide legal consultation/attorney services for the base period of the contract, starting on the date stated in the Notice to Proceed and continuing for a period of 12 months. The fixed monthly rate is stated below:

	<u>Quantity Months</u>	X	<u>Monthly Rate (Pak Rs.)</u>	<u>Ceiling Price (Rs.)</u>
Attorney Services as Stated in Statement of Work (SOW)	<u>12</u>	X	_____	_____

B.2.2 FIRST OPTION PERIOD:

Starting one year after the start date shown in the Notice to Proceed and continuing for a period of twelve months.

The Contractor shall provide legal consultation/attorney services for the First Option Year of the contract. The fixed monthly rate is stated below:

	<u>Quantity Months</u>	X	<u>Monthly Rate (Pak Rs.)</u>	<u>Ceiling Price (Rs.)</u>
Attorney Services as Stated in the Statement of Work (SOW)	<u>12</u>	X	_____	_____

B.2.3 SECOND OPTION PERIOD:

Starting two years after the start date shown in the Notice to Proceed and continuing for a period of twelve months.

The Contractor shall provide legal consultation/attorney services for the Second Option Year of the contract. The fixed monthly rate is stated below:

	<u>Quantity Months</u>	X	<u>Monthly Rate (Pak Rs.)</u>	<u>Ceiling Price (Rs.)</u>
Attorney Services	<u>12</u>	X	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

B.2.6 Grand Total for the base and all optional periods of performance is _____.

SECTION C – STATEMENT OF WORK

The contractor shall act as legal consultant of the Mission and shall render the following services for consideration stipulated herein.

1. The consultant serves as a General Counsel for the Embassy advising Management on all legal matters related to personnel management.
2. The consultant will be required to provide expertise in local labor laws as they pertain to Human Resources issues and the U.S. Government employment liability in connection with settlement agreements and dismissals.
3. Provide legal opinion and suggestions with regards to pay administration and staff compensation management.
4. Advice on disciplinary cases, termination actions, Reduction In Force, or rightsizing.
5. Legal opinions and possible suggestions for amendments to be brought to the provisions in the FSN Employee Handbook.
6. Advice may be requested via email, letter, or telephone.
7. The consultant must provide requested advice within a prescribed timeframe, not to exceed three working days from the date of the contact and must be able to attend to urgent requests for advice as well. In complex cases, if advice cannot be immediately provided, the consultant should acknowledge the request and give estimated time-frame for completion.
8. All advice requested and given shall be considered attorney-client privileged and should not be divulged to any third parties.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Eligible Consultants should have the following qualifications and experience
 - a. Law degree with specialization in employment law and local labor law in Pakistan or related fields.
 - b. At least 10 years relevant experience in providing legal services at least five of which should be in the area of contract law, local labor law administration, and employment law.
 - c. The Consultant must have knowledge in diplomatic immunities e.g. Vienna Convention as well as other non-litigation issues.
2. List of clients the bidder is serving, demonstrating prior experience in all aspects of general and Local Labor Laws within Pakistan to include relevant past performance and references telephone numbers.
3. Evidence of “bar” membership, legal expertise in local labor law of Pakistan and international law.
4. Resume of the Lawyer that will serve as principal point of contact to the U.S. Embassy, Islamabad. We only want to deal with one person. The principal POC must be fluent in written and oral English.
5. A brief description of local labor law cases (without names/only the case) retained in the past three years with the outcome.

SECTION D –PACKING & MARKING

The Contractor shall address all correspondence to the following address:

Human Resource Officer

American Embassy

Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna-5

Islamabad, Pakistan

Reference: SPK330-14-C----- (contract number to be allotted after award)

SECTION E – INSPECTION & ACCEPTANCE

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html> or, <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Dept. of State Acquisition Website at <http://www.statebuy.state.gov/> to see the links to the FAR. You may also use a network “search engine” (e.g., Yahoo, Excite, Alta Vista, etc.) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CH. 1)

52.246-4	INSPECTION OF SERVICES	AUG 1996
	FIXED-PRICE	

SECTION F - DELIVERIES AND PERFORMANCE

F.1 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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52.242-15 STOP-WORK ORDER (AUG 1989)

F.2 Period of Performance

The base contract period will be one year from the date of award. The Government may extend the contract by exercising a one-year option. The contract period, including a maximum of two option years, may not exceed **three** years.

SECTION G -CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

DOSAR 652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR)
(AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(b) The COR for this contract is **Human Resource Officer**

G.2 INVOICING AND PAYING INSTRUCTIONS

a. The Contractor shall submit the invoice on **quarterly basis** in original to the designated billing address indicated below. The COR will determine if the invoice is complete and proper, as submitted. The COR also will determine if billed services have been satisfactorily performed. If the amount billed is incorrect, the COR will, within seven days, request the Contractor to submit a revised invoice.

b. The Contractor shall specifically identify the last invoice as "Final Invoice." The final invoice shall include the remaining payments due under the basic contract and any and all modifications issued.

c. Contractor shall mail the invoices to:

FMO Billing Office

P.O. No. SPK300-14-C- _____ (Contract number will be allotted at the time of award)

American Embassy

Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna-5

Islamabad, Pakistan

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1. PERMITS

Without additional cost to the Government, the Contractor shall obtain all permits, licenses, and appointments required for this contract.

H.2 RELEASE OF INFORMATION

All information furnished to the Contractor and developed by the Contractor in connection with this transaction shall be considered privileged. The Contractor shall make no public announcements, including news or press releases about this contract.

H.3 ORDERS

The Contracting Officer or the Contracting Officer's Representative may place orders for Legal Consultation/attorney services orally, telephonically, by facsimile, or in writing. The Contracting Officer or the Contracting Officer's Representative will confirm oral orders in writing within three calendar days.

SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 FAR 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (JAN 2011)
52.213-4	TERMS AND CONDITIONS - SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS (OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL ITEMS)(NOV 2013)
52.222-50	COMBATTING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (FEB 2009)
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES (JUN 2008)
52.225-14	INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ENGLISH VERSION AND TRANSLATION OF CONTRACT (FEB 2000)
52.227-17	RIGHTS IN DATA SPECIAL WORKS (DEC 2007)
52.228-4	WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND WAR-HAZARD INSURANCE OVERSEAS (APR 1984)
52.232-24	PROHIBITION OF ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS (JAN 1986)
52.232-25	PROMPT PAYMENT (JUL 2013)
52.232-32	PERFORMANCE-BASED PAYMENTS (APR 2012)
52.232-33	PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER – CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (JUL 2013)
52.233-1	DISPUTES (JUL 2002) ALT I (JUL 2002)
52.233-4	APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM (OCT 2004)
52.243-3	CHANGES – TIME AND MATERIALS OR LABOR HOURS (SEP 2000)
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUL 2013)
52.249-4	TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT (SERVICES) (SHORT FORM) (APR 1984)
52.249-6	TERMINATION (COST REIMBURSEMENT) (MAY 2004) (ALT IV) (SEP 1996)
52.249-14	EXCUSABLE DELAY (APR 1984)
52.249-2	TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT (FIXED PRICE) (MAY 2004) ALTERNATE I (APR 2012)

I.2 FAR CLAUSE IS PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

52.204-99 SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION (AUGUST 2012) (DEVIATION)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause-

"Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database" means the retired primary Government repository for Contractor information required for the conduct of business with the Government.

"Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code" means-

(1) A code assigned by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Logistics Information Service to identify a commercial or Government entity; or

(2) A code assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization that DLA records and maintains in the CAGE master file. This type of code is known as an "NCAGE code."

"Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number" means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to identify unique business entities.

"Data Universal Numbering System+4 (DUNS+4) number" means the DUNS number assigned by D&B plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned by a business concern. (D&B has no affiliation with this 4-character suffix.) This 4-character suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the business concern to establish additional **SAM** records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see the FAR at Subpart 32.11) for the same concern.

"Registered in the **SAM** database" means that-

(1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, into the SAM database;

(2) The Contractor's CAGE code is in the **SAM** database; and

(3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and has marked the record "Active". The Contractor will be required to provide consent for TIN Attachment, Page 1 of 4 validation to the Government as a part of the **SAM** registration process.

"System for Award Management (SAM)" means the primary Government repository for prospective federal awardee information and the centralized Government system for certain contracting, grants, and other assistance related processes. It includes-

(1) Data collected from prospective federal awardees required for the conduct of business with the Government;

(2) Prospective contractor submitted annual representations and certifications in accordance with FAR Subpart 4.12; and

(3) The list of all parties suspended, proposed for debarment, debarred, declared ineligible, or excluded or disqualified under the nonprocurement common rule by agencies, Government corporations, or by the Government Accountability Office.

(b) (1) The Contractor shall be registered in the **SAM** database prior to submitting an invoice and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement resulting from this solicitation.

(2) The **SAM** registration shall be for the same name and address identified on the contract, with its associated CAGE code and DUNS or DUNS+4.

(3) If indicated by the Government during performance, registration in an alternate system may be required in lieu of SAM.

(c) If the Contractor does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one.

(1) A contractor may obtain a DUNS number-

(i) Via the internet at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> or if the contractor does not have internet access, it may call Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 if located within the United States; or

(ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office. The contractor should indicate that it is a contractor for a U.S. Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(2) The Contractor should be prepared to provide the following information:

(i) Company legal business name.

(ii) Trade style, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.

(iii) Company physical street address, city, state and Zip Code.

(iv) Company mailing address, city, state and Zip Code (if separate from physical).

(v) Company telephone number.

(vi) Date the company was started.

(vii) Number of employees at your location.

(viii) Chief executive officer/key manager.

(ix) Line of business (industry).

(x) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(d) Reserved.

(e) Processing time for registration in SAM, which normally takes five business days, should be taken into consideration when registering. Contractors who are not already registered should consider applying for registration at least two weeks prior to invoicing.

(f) The Contractor is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the **SAM** database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the **SAM** database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the **SAM** database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in the **SAM** does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.

(g) (1)(i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, "doing business as" name, or division name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in Subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name with a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to-

(A) Change the name in the **SAM** database;

(B) Comply with the requirements of subpart 42.12 of the FAR; and

(C) Agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer.

(ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (g) (1) (i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (g) (1) (i) (C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the **SAM** information that shows the Contractor to be other than

the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in the **SAM** record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see FAR Subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the **SAM** database. Information provided to the Contractor's **SAM** record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.

(h) Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the **SAM** accessed through <https://www.acquisition.gov> or by calling 866-606-8220, or 334-206-7828 for international calls.

(End of Clause)

52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract.

52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract or within 30 days after funds for the option year become available, whichever is later.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option provision.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed three **years**.

52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current fiscal year. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current fiscal year, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

I.3 DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 6) CLAUSES

652.204-70 DEPARTMENT OF STATE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUANCE PROCEDURES (AUG 2007)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the Department of State (DOS) Personal Identification Card Issuance Procedures for all employees performing under this contract who require frequent and continuing access to DOS facilities, or information systems. The Contractor shall insert this clause in all subcontracts when the subcontractor's employees will require frequent and continuing access to DOS facilities, or information systems.

(b) The DOS Personal Identification Card Issuance Procedures may be accessed at <http://www.state.gov/m/ds/rls/rpt/c21664.htm> .

(End of clause)

CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JULY 2008)

Contract performance may require contractor personnel to attend meetings with government personnel or provide advice via email, letter or telephone, when required.

Contractor personnel must take the following actions to identify themselves as non-federal employees:

- 1) Use an email signature block that shows name, the office being supported and company affiliation;
- 2) Clearly identify themselves and their contractor affiliation in meetings;
- 3) Identify their contractor affiliation in Departmental e-mail and phone listings whenever contractor personnel are included in those listings; and
- 4) Contractor personnel may not utilize Department of State logos or indicia on business cards.

652.229-71 PERSONAL PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT POSTS ABROAD (AUG 1999)

Regulations at 22 CFR Part 136 require that U.S. Government employees and their families do not profit personally from sales or other transactions with persons who are not themselves entitled to exemption from import restrictions, duties, or taxes. Should the contractor experience importation or tax privileges in a foreign country because of its contractual relationship to the United States Government, the contractor shall observe the requirements of 22 CFR Part 136 and all policies, rules, and procedures issued by the chief of mission in that foreign country.

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The contractor warrants the following:

- (1) That is has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;
- (2) That is has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

652.243-70 NOTICES (AUG 1999)

Any notice or request relating to this contract given by either party to the other shall be in writing. Said notice or request shall be mailed or delivered by hand to the other party at the address provided in the schedule of the contract. All modifications to the contract must be made in writing by the contracting officer.

SECTION J – LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

NONE

SECTION K - REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

K.1 52.203-2 CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION. (APR 1985)

(a) The offeror certifies that -

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit an offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory -

(1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or

(2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above

_____ (insert full name of person(s)
in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the offeror's organization);

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

(c) If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)(2) above, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

K.2 52.203-11 CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REGARDING PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS (SEP 2007)

- (a) Definitions. As used in this provision – “Lobbying contact” has the meaning provided at 2 USC 1602(8). The terms “agency”, “influencing or attempting to influence”, “officer or employee of an agency”, “person”, “reasonable compensation”, and “regularly employed” are defined in the FAR clause of this solicitation entitled Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (52.203-12).
- (b) Prohibition. The prohibition and exceptions contained in the FAR clause of this solicitation entitled “Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions” (52.203-12) are hereby incorporated by reference in this provision.
- (c) Certification. The offeror, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress on its behalf in connection with the awarding of this contract.
- (d) Disclosure. If any registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have made a lobbying contract on behalf of the offeror with respect to this contract, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its officer, OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to provide the name of the registrants. The offeror need not report regularly employed officers or employees of the offeror to whom payments of reasonable compensation were made.
- (e) Penalty. Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by 31 USC 1352. Any persons who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure required to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$150,000, for each failure.

K.3 52.204-3 TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION (OCT 1998)

- (a) Definitions.

"Common parent," as used in this solicitation provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

"Corporate status," as used in this solicitation provision, means a designation as to whether the offeror is a corporate entity, an unincorporated entity (e.g., sole proprietorship or partnership), or a corporation providing medical and health care services.

"Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this solicitation provision, means the number required by the IRS to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns.

- (b) All offerors are required to submit the information required in paragraphs (c) through (e) of this solicitation provision in order to comply with reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the resulting contract is subject to reporting requirements described in FAR 4.903, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.

(c) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

___ TIN: _____.

___ TIN has been applied for.

___ TIN is not required because:

___ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S.;

___ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

___ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a Federal, state or local government;

___ Other. State basis. _____

(d) Corporate Status.

___ Corporation providing medical and health care services, or engaged in the billing and collecting of payments for such services;

___ Other corporate entity;

___ Not a corporate entity;

___ Sole proprietorship

___ Partnership

___ Hospital or extended care facility described in 26 CFR 501(c)(3) that is exempt from taxation under 26 CFR 501(a).

(e) Common Parent.

___ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this clause.

___ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name _____

TIN _____

K.4 52.225-20 PROHIBITION ON CONDUCTING RESTRICTED BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN SUDAN—
CERTIFICATION (AUG 2009)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

“Business operations” means engaging in commerce in any form, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

“Marginalized populations of Sudan” means—

(1) Adversely affected groups in regions authorized to receive assistance under section 8(c) of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act (Pub. L. 109-344) (50 U.S.C. 1701 note); and

(2) Marginalized areas in Northern Sudan described in section 4(9) of such Act.

“Restricted business operations” means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person conducting the business can demonstrate—

(1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;

(2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;

(3) Consist of providing goods or services to marginalized populations of Sudan;

(4) Consist of providing goods or services to an internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization;

(5) Consist of providing goods or services that are used only to promote health or education; or

(6) Have been voluntarily suspended.

(b) *Certification.* By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies that it does not conduct any restricted business operations in Sudan.

K.5 52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications. (JUL 2013 2013)

(a) (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is **541110**.

(2) The small business size standard is **5.0 million dollars**.

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b) (1) If the clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.

(2) If the clause at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in CCR, and has completed the ORCA electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

☒ (i) Paragraph (d) applies.

☐ (ii) Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(c) (1) The following representations or certifications in ORCA are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:

(i) 52.203-2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination Reserved

(ii) 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions. This provision applies to solicitations expected to exceed \$150,000.

(iii) 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification. This provision applies to solicitations that do not include the clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration

(iv) 52.204-5, Women-Owned Business (Other Than Small Business). Reserved

(v) 52.209-5, Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters. This provision applies to solicitations where the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(vi) 52.214-14, Place of Performance—Sealed Bidding Reserved.

(vii) 52.215-6, Place of Performance. This provision applies to solicitations unless the place of performance is specified by the Government.

(viii) – (xii). Reserved

(xiii) 52.223-1, Biobased Product Certification. This provision applies to solicitations that require the delivery or specify the use of USDA–designated items; or include the clause at 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts.

(xiv) 52.223-4, Recovered Material Certification This provision applies to solicitations that are for, or specify the use of, EPA–designated items.

(xv) 52.225-2, Buy American Act Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-1.

(xvi) 52.225-4, Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Basic, Alternate I, and Alternate II) This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-3.

(A) If the acquisition value is less than \$25,000, the basic provision applies.

(B) If the acquisition value is \$25,000 or more but is less than \$50,000, the provision with its Alternate I applies.

(C) If the acquisition value is \$50,000 or more but is less than \$67,826, the provision with its Alternate II applies.

(xvii) 52.225-6, Trade Agreements Certificate. This provision applies to solicitations containing the clause at 52.225-5.

(xviii) 52.225-20, Prohibition on Conducting Restricted Business Operations in Sudan—Certification.

(xix) Reserved

(d) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically that apply to this solicitation as indicated in paragraph (c) of this provision have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below *[Offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date]*.

FAR CLAUSE #	TITLE	DATE	CHANGE
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These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer. Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.

(End of Clause)

K.6 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (APR 2010)

(a)(1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that—

(i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals—

(A) Are ☐ are not ☐ presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

(B) Have ☐ have not ☐, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property (if offeror checks “have”, the offeror shall also see 52.209-7, if included in this solicitation);

(C) Are [] are not [] presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision;

(D) Have [], have not [], within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

(1) Federal taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

(i) *The tax liability is finally determined.* The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.

(ii) *The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment.* A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

(2) *Examples.*

(i) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. § 6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(ii) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability, and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. § 6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(iii) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. § 6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

(iv) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. 362 (the Bankruptcy Code).

(ii) The Offeror has o has not o, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.

(2) "Principal," for the purposes of this certification, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (*e.g.*, general manager; plant manager; head of a division or business segment; and similar positions).

This Certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and the Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.

(b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

(End of provision)

K.7. AUTHORIZED CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

If the offeror does not fill-in the blanks below, the official who signed the offer will be deemed to be the offeror's representative for contract administration, which includes all matters pertaining to payments.

Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

K.8 652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person as defined below. United States person means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern), and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

- (b) Certification. By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:
 - (1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,
 - (2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.

K.9 Reserved

K.10. 52.209-2 Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations – Representations (May 2011)

- (a) Definition. Inverted domestic corporation means a foreign incorporated entity which is treated as an inverted domestic corporation under 6 USC 395 (b), i.e. a corporation that used to be a partnership in the United States but now is incorporated in a foreign country, or is a subsidiary whose parent corporation is incorporated in a foreign country that meets the criteria specified in 6 USC 395 (b), applied in accordance with rules and definitions of criteria 6 USC 395 (c).
- (b) Relation to Internal Revenue Code. A foreign entity that is treated as an inverted foreign entity that is treated as an inverted domestic corporation for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code at 26 USC 7874 (or would be except that the inversion transactions were completed on or before March 4, 2003), is also an inverted domestic corporation for purposes of 6 USC 395 and for this solicitation provision (see FAR 9.108)
- (c) Representation. By submission of its offer, the offer represents that it is not an inverted domestic corporation and is not a subsidiary of one.

SECTION L – INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

L.1 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

L.1.1 Summary of instructions. Each offer must consist of the following **two (2) copies of each:**

L.1.1.1. A completed solicitation, in which the SF-33 cover page (blocks 12 through 18, as appropriate), and filled out Sections B and K.

L.1.1.2. Information demonstrating the offeror's ability to perform, including:

- (1) Name of a Project Manager (or other liaison to the Embassy/Consulate) who understands written and spoken English;
- (2) Evidence that the offeror operates an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing;
- (3) List of clients, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references;
- (4) Evidence that the offeror can provide the legal services;
- (5) Evidence that the offeror has all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section I) ;
- (6) Confirm that the individual, facility or service is licensed or certified under local law and in good standing; that its license or certificate has not been suspended or revoked and no successful malpractice claims have been publicly recorded.
- (7) Affirmation in writing that the individual/firm is currently in good professional standing and is not facing any pending disciplinary proceedings.
- (8) List contact information for bar associations, licensing, regulatory or other appropriate authorities in the host country.

Submit the complete offer to the address shown at Block 7 of Standard Form 33.

The offeror shall identify and explain/justify any deviations, exceptions, or conditional assumptions taken to any of the instructions or requirements of this solicitation in the appropriate volume of the offer.

L.1.2 PROPRIETARY DATA

Offeror shall specifically identify by page(s), paragraph(s) and sentence(s), and shall not generalize.

L.2 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates the following provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at:

<http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html> or, <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Dept. of State Acquisition Website at <http://www.statebuy.state.gov/> to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (such as Yahoo, Infoseek, or Alta Vista) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CH. 1)

52.204-6	CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER – DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER	JUL 2013
52.204-7	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT	JUL 2013
52.214-34	SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	APR 1991
52.215-1	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMPETITIVE ACQUISITIONS	JAN 2004
52.237-1	SITE VISIT (Reserved)	APR 1984

L.3 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN FULL TEXT

52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a fixed price contract resulting from this solicitation.

52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEP 2006)

(a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from:

**Management Officer
American Embassy, Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna-5
Islamabad, Pakistan
Tel: 92-51-208-2000
Fax: 92-51-227-6427**

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

L.4 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

If asked by the Contracting Officer, the offeror shall provide a current statement of its financial condition, certified by a third party, that includes:

Income (profit-loss) Statement that shows profitability for the past **three (3)** years;

Balance Sheet that shows the assets owned and the claims against those assets, or what a firm owns and what it owes; and

Cash Flow Statement that shows the firm's sources and uses of cash during the most recent accounting period. This will help the Government assess a firm's ability to pay its obligations.

The Government will use this information to determine the offeror's financial responsibility and ability to perform under the contract. Failure of an offeror to comply with a request for this information may cause the Government to determine the offeror to be nonresponsible.

L.5 SITE VISIT

Reserved

L.6. 652.206-70 COMPETITION ADVOCATE/OMBUDSMAN (AUG 1999) (DEVIATION)

- (a) The Department of State's Competition Advocate is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged to first contact the contracting office for the respective solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact the Department of State Competition Advocate on (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: U.S. Department of State, Competition Advocate, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.
- (b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman,

Management Officer, American Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan at 92-51-208-2000 or Fax at 92-51-227-6427. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.

(End of Clause)

L.7. DUNS NUMBER

DUNS number is required to get award of this contract. Offerors interested to submit their proposal may obtain DUNS number by visiting following website:

<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>

SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

M.1 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

M.1.1 General. To be acceptable and eligible for evaluation, offerors must prepare proposals in accordance with Section L. Proposals must meet all the requirements set forth in the other sections of this solicitation. The Government may determine an offeror to be unacceptable and exclude it from further consideration for failure to comply with Section L.

M.1.2. Basis for Award.

The Government intends to award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the lowest priced, technically acceptable offeror who is a responsible Contractor. The evaluation process will follow the procedures below:

a) Initial Evaluation

The Government will evaluate all proposals received to ensure that each proposal is complete in terms of submission of each required volume, as required by Section L. The Government may eliminate proposals that are missing required information.

b) Technical Acceptability

The Government will thoroughly review those proposals remaining after the initial evaluation to determine technical acceptability. The Government will review Technical Acceptability by reviewing information submitted as part of L.1.1(2), including a review of the offeror's proposed project manager to ensure that s/he is acceptable to the Government. The Government may also review past references provided as part of the Experience and Past Performance information as described in L.1.1.2.3. to verify quality of past performance.

c) Price

The Government will evaluate price for all technically acceptable offerors and determine the lowest overall price in accordance with Section B.

d) Responsibility

The Government will determine responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:

- (1) adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
- (2) ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- (3) satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;

- (4) necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
- (5) necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
- (6) otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price.

The Government will notify unsuccessful offerors as required by FAR 15.503.

M.1.3 AWARD SELECTION

The Government will review the prices of all technically acceptable firms and the award selection will go to the lowest priced, technically acceptable, responsible offeror. As described in FAR 52.215-1, incorporated by reference in Section L, the Government may award based on initial offers, without discussions.

M.2 52.225-17 EVALUATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY OFFERS (FEB 2000)

Reserved

M.3 PRICE EVALUATION

For the purpose of evaluation, and for no other purpose, the Government will evaluate prices submitted on the basis that the Government will require the estimated quantities shown in Section B of this solicitation. The Government will add the prices for standard services, temporary additional services, and materials/equipment to obtain a total price evaluation

M.4 SEPARATE CHARGES

Separate charges, in any form, are not solicited. For example, any charges for failure to exercise an option-year are unacceptable.